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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicant requests that the Examiner consider references which have come to Applicant's attention as a result of the corresponding German and International Examination proceedings.

- WO 97/01412 discloses a process and device for friction welding of workpieces. The reference is in German but includes an English language translation of the abstract. Applicant further attaches European Patent Office Abstract in English which indicates that U.S. 6,021,938 is a corresponding U.S. document. This is also cited on the attached PTO-1449 form.

- DE 41 35 882 discloses a welding process by heating parts to be joined at the welding seam and forging together with force using preset welding process parameters. No full

translation of this reference is available to Applicant at this time. However Applicant attaches an English language abstract.

- DE 34 13 023 discloses a control of friction and inertia welding processes. Applicant attaches an English language abstract. Applicant notes that the European Patent Office indicates that U.S. 4,757,932 is a corresponding English reference. This is cited on the attached PTO-1449 form.

- U.S. 3,998,373 is cited in the International Search Report under categories X and A (see comments and relevant International claims in the attached copy of the International Search Report).

- Patent Abstracts of Japan corresponding to JP 3268884 has been cited under Category X and A as to particular International claims (see comments on attached International Search Report).

- EP 0 488 518 has been cited under Category A. Reference is made to the comments in the attached International Search Report.

- U.S. 3,732,613 has been cited under Category A. Column 3 lines 32 - 63 are referenced as technological background with regard to International claims 1 and 13.

- U.S. 2,988,936 is cited as technological background with column 6 line 45 - column 7 line 33 and Figs. 2 and 3 indicated to be relevant to International claims 1 and 13.

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Consideration of the references and attached International Search Report is requested.

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Enclosed: PTO-1449 Form
copy of International Search Report
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Ex- aminer Initial	Document No.	Date	Name	Class	Sub- class	Filing Date
	<u>6,021,938</u>	<u>Feb. 8, 2000</u>	<u>Böck et al.</u>			<u>June 21, 1996</u>
	<u>3,998,373</u>	<u>Dec. 21, 1976</u>	<u>Jones et al.</u>			<u>Sept. 15, 1975</u>
	<u>3,732,613</u>	<u>May 15, 1973</u>	<u>Steigerwald</u>			<u>Dec. 17, 1970</u>
	<u>2,988,936</u>	<u>June 20, 1961</u>	<u>Cash</u>			<u>March 19, 1958</u>

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	<u>WO 97/01412</u>	<u>Jan. 16, 1997</u>	<u>International</u>			<u>No</u>
	<u>DE 41 35 882</u>	<u>May 6, 1993</u>	<u>Germany</u>			<u>No</u>
	<u>DE 34 13 023</u>	<u>Oct. 11, 1984</u>	<u>Germany</u>			<u>No</u>
	<u>Patent Abstracts of Japan Publ. No. JP03268884</u>	<u>Nov. 29, 1991</u>	<u>Japan</u>			<u>Yes</u>
	<u>EP 0 488 518</u>	<u>June 3, 1992</u>	<u>Europe</u>			<u>Yes</u>

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